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FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT
FOR THE TREATMENT OF VIRAL DISEASES

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Dear Sir:

We, NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL Ltd., a corporation of Bermuda, whose principal place of business is Sofia House, 48 Church Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda, the assignee of Application No. 08/945,249, by virtue of an assignment dated March 14, 2001, and recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on April 13, 2001, on Reel 011495, Frame 0199, hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney granted for this application and appoint all of the registered practitioners associated with Customer No. 001095 as attorneys and agents for this application.

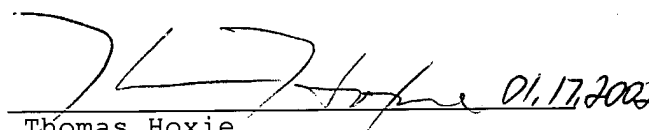
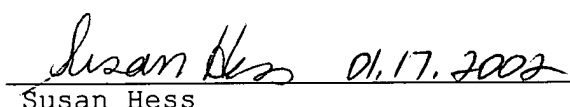
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